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To:	McGovern, Marc
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Hello, Marc-

We haven't spoken in a while. Congrats on your many accomplishments both on and since you've left the School Committee.

I'm very concerned about a motion, being promoted by a group called Palestinian BDS. In the US and on their literature they call themselves BDS, but you need only look at their web-site to see that their name is indeed as I've written it.

They are active in a number of countries, and their only purpose is to delegitimize Israel--hardly a way to get folks on both sides of a deep dispute to a peaceful place. They are hardly a human rights group, as they take no interest in violent human rights violations committed by the terrorists and party police of Hamas or the soldiers of the Palestinian Authority, or, for that matter, human rights violations anywhere else on the Earth but Israel.

In the case of HP, there is much to discuss among those of us who live in Cambridge. We are nearly all concerned about the mis-use of technology by governments. But this is a much bigger issue-whether it is about HP or any other tech company who turns our valid fears of terrorism into mechanisms for control. BDS' agenda is to take our shared, legitimate concerns and stream them into a campaign against one government and, sadly, one group of people.

I appreciate your taking the time to read the attached. I thought it made more sense to send in letter format.

Best wishes again, to your family, and for success in the future contributions that I know you'll make to the City, or perhaps beyond.

Sincerely,

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